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1. Although the following is a report concerning the September elections in Slesvig, Ergenforde, and Rendsburg Counties, it can be said to relate, in general, to all of South Slesvig.
2. In the communities where the Danish Group had been active for some time and pre-election meetings had been held, the results satisfied the Danes, on the whole. However, the Danish Group was handicapped in that it could not carry on counter-propaganda to that waged by the German-minded. Furthermore, the lack of a German language newspaper was keenly felt by the Danish faction. It is apparent that the CDU succeeded in capturing most of the refugee votes. The defeat of the Communists was more decisive than had been expected.
3. In many communities where the Danish organization had insufficient strength to place candidates in the election, Danish-minded people were nevertheless elected. In Silberstedt, for example, three members of the South Slesvig Society were chosen as CDU representatives; in Hollingstedt, the only Danish candidate running was elected and of the ten CDU candidates elected, all are members or on the waiting list to become members of the South Slesvig Society. In most municipalities there was not a complete roster of Danish candidates, and therefore the election results cannot be considered a true measure of Danish strength. Such local conditions as the number of refugees voting exerted considerable influence.
4. Below is given a statistical summary of the election results for municipalities from which it has been possible to obtain detailed results and in which there was official Danish Group representation:

Municipalities (38)	Total No. Votes	Danish Votes	Total Elected	Danish Candidates Elected
Slesvig	77,143	36,795	30	24
Friedrichstadt	7,957	4,137	15	12
Lindau	772	235	9	2
South Brarup	8,824	3,944	18	9
Neuberend	487	254	6	4
Wohlde	507	48	-	0
Goltoft	810	228	6	1
Kappeln	11,359	2,360	-	0
Thumby	925	247	9	2
Istedt	1,366	211	9	1
Ulsby	1,758	218	-	0
Esperstoft	1,397	247	6	2

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Municipalities	Total Number votes	Danish votes	Total elected	Danish Group Can- didates elected
Danholm	1,127	339	-	0
Schmarup	730	184	6	2
Secta	2,136	1,515	6	5
Loit	706	103	6	1
Wabenkirchen	529	106	9	0
Grödersby	942	477	6	4
Brebel	325	362	9	4
Arnis	2,192	1,213	6	6
Drage	1,055	129	9	2
Böel	1,416	522	9	1
Hollingstedt	909	79	9	1
Langstedt	1,015	138	-	0
Steinfeldt	2,752	1,024	9	3
Treia	3,255	523	-	0
Strukstrup (sic, may be Strandorf)	2,756	801	9	3
Hollingstedt	3,944	310	12	1
Stolk	2,363	475	9	3
South Stapel	3,206	637	-	0
Tolk	2,329	400	9	2
Satrup	3,831	473	-	0
Jilbeck	2,965	919	12	6 (?)
Böklund	1,971	520	12	3
Ekenis	564	266	9	4
Lohrkirchosterholz	3,101	432	-	0
Taarstedt	3,688	75	-	0
Lürschau	1,020	507	6	2

- According to the above statistics, about 37% of all votes cast in these municipalities were for Danish sponsored candidates. Presumably, this ratio would hold for the county as a whole.
- Official statistics show that the population of Slesvig County has increased 22% during the period 1933 to 1946, although the native population has decreased somewhat because of war casualties and P.O.s who have not yet returned home. It can therefore be concluded that over 50% of the above votes were given by people other than native Slesvians, such as refugees, evacuees from Kiel or Hamburg, soldiers released from other zones, and Prussians who moved from Germany during the Nazi regime. Based on the above assumption, it has been calculated that over 75% of the native population in the above municipalities cast their votes in favor of Danish sponsored candidates.
- For Rendsburg County as a whole the election results were very satisfactory from the Danish standpoint. In North Rendsburg County, about 20% of all votes cast, or about 40% of those of the native population, were for the Danish Group candidates. In Sudelsdorf, a large industrial suburb of Rendsburg, about 33% of all votes were for the Danish candidates.
- In Eggenförde County election results in the towns were more pleasing to the Danish Group than those in the country districts, where none of the Danish sponsored candidates were elected. This can in part be attributed to the fact that the Danish activity was only recently begun in the country, whereas there was much propaganda from the opposition. Furthermore, there are many refugees in this district, the population of the county having increased 13% since 1933. Results of the election in the Town of Eggenförde, on the other hand, were most satisfactory to the Danes. The town was divided into three election districts. The CDU carried two of these and the Danish Group the third. Thus, the CDU gained twelve and the Danish Group all six of the representatives in the district in which they were successful. The votes were distributed as follows:

Party	Number of Votes
CDU	18,203
KPD	2,864
SPD	15,345